

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 287 – SB 1152

March 1, 2017

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires local education agencies to annually designate the week of September 17th or another week of their choosing as “Celebrate Freedom Week” in Tennessee public schools beginning with the 2018-2019 academic year. The State Board of Education (SBE) shall adopt rules, by December 31, 2017, requiring social studies classes in grades three through twelve to include certain items during their Freedom Week celebrations, including but not limited to, the recitation of specific language from the Declaration of Independence. Exempts certain students from such recitation.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004306): Deletes and rewrites the bill such that the only substantive change is to designate the Department of Education (DOE) as the sole entity responsible for promoting “Celebrate Freedom Week.”

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- This week shall not be a legal holiday as defined by Tenn. Code Ann. § 15-1-101.
- The SBE will adopt rules related to Freedom Week celebrations in the normal course of Board meetings.
- Any increase in state or local expenditures to hold Freedom Week celebrations each year is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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